

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 17411

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, ASEC, SREF, UR, US  
SUBJECT: EMBASSY ACCESS

1. A SOVIET CITIZEN, OLEG NICHOLAEVICH STEPANOV, WAS  
ARRESTED AS HE TRIED TO GAIN ACCESS TO EMBASSY ON JULY  
25. STEPANOV HAD MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET CONSOFF  
TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN  
HIS FAMILY. HE GAVE NO OTHER PERSONAL DETAILS IN BRIEF  
CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN  
ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED IN PSYCHOLOGICAL PRISON FOR  
WRITING THE NEW YORK TIMES A LETTER REQUESTING ASSIS-  
TANCE IN LEAVING THE USSR.

2. CONSOFF TRIED TO INTERCEDE WITH SOVIET EMBASSY  
GUARDS, BUT HIS EFFORTS WERE IGNORED. STEPANOV WAS  
TAKEN TO "MILITIA SHACK" ON THE SIDE OF THE EMBASSY.

3. THIS IS THE FOURTH SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVING  
EMBASSY ACCESS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF DURING THE LAST  
SIX WORKING DAYS: MRS. MCCLELLAN ON JULY 17; RAY SMITH  
ON JULY 20; PROFESSOR KOJOIAN ON JULY 21; AND NOW  
STEPANOV. TOON

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